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SUBJECT: OFFICERS OF GOWON REGIME SUPPORT NEW LEADERSHIP

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1. IN ADDITION TO PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF FMG ISSUED BY FORMER HEAD OF STATE GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON IN KAMPALA, TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF FORMER GOWON ADMINISTRATION.

2. MAJOR GENERAL (NOW RETIRED) HASSAN USMAN KATSINA QUOTED IN TODAY'S PRESS AS HAVING PLEDGED HIS LOYALTY TO THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE FMG. QTE LIKE GENERAL GOWON, I PLEDGE MY LOYALTY TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND WISH THEM LUCK. UNQTE. ADMIRAL WEY AND FORMER DEPTUY IGP ALSO REPORTED OFFERING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO NEW LEADERS.

COMMENT: WITH BOTH GENERALS GOWON AND KATSINA ISSUING STATEMENTS
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OF LOYALTY TO THE NEW REGIME, IT WOULD APPEAR MEMBERS OF

OLD ADMINISTRATION DO NOT INTEND TO CHALLENGE THE NEW
GOVERNMENT AND HAVE ACCEPTED THEIR REMOVAL AND RETIREMENT.
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